(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

(d) Standing instructions have been reiterated to the concerned Officers to ensure punctuality, good behaviour, cleanliness and maintenance of the buildings in cooperation with the Central Public Works Department.

News-item "Health Check: CGHS arteries blocked"

15. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH : SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Health check: CGHS arteries blocked", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 17th June, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to improve the quality of service in the CGHS which seems to be on the brink of collapse ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is a constant endeavour of the Government to improve the services in CGHS depending on availability of manpower and resources. The beneficiaries are generally satisfied with the services provided by CGHS. Standing instructions have been reiterated to the concerned Officers to ensure punctuality, good behaviour, cleanliness, and maintenance of the buildings in cooperation with the Central Public Works Department, new comprehensive formulary for MSO/CGHS has been released and the consolidated indent for procurement of drugs/medicines in respect of all the CGHS covered cities has been submitted to ensure regular supply of medicines to the CGHS beneficiaries.

Mentally-challenged persons in the country

16. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the States which have their own mental hospitals;